



American Palestinian Local University Scholarships Program (A-PLUS) West Bank/Gaza 2010

AMIDEAST is now accepting applications for the American Palestinian Local University Scholarships (A-PLUS) Program, funded by the United States Department of State through the Middle East Partnership Initiative and the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem.

The American Palestinian Local University Scholarships (A-PLUS) program will provide 51 bright, academically promising, but socio-economically disadvantaged Palestinian high school seniors throughout the West Bank and Gaza with full academic undergraduate scholarships for Bachelor's degree programs at selected local Palestinian universities, along with training and other opportunities to develop and enhance their employability and professional careers. The program will be a multi-tier model which incorporates educational advancement with practical skills training and experience to increase A-PLUS graduates' employability and the number of employment opportunities relevant to their degrees and areas of interest.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

The A-PLUS Program will consist of four components:

- ❖ full academic scholarships for Bachelor's degree programs at selected local Palestinian universities
- ❖ practical professional skills training
- ❖ career counseling
- ❖ professional internship opportunities

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered for the A-PLUS Program, a student must meet all of the following requirements:

- ❖ Legal resident of the West Bank, East Jerusalem, or Gaza Strip
- ❖ Come from a socio economically disadvantaged background
- ❖ Currently in the 12th grade and have grade average of 90% or better
- ❖ Expected to receive a 85% or higher Tawjihi score
- ❖ Ability to gain acceptance to attend a local university in the West Bank or Gaza
- ❖ Must not be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident

Deadline to submit an application by hand or by e-mail to AMIDEAST:

April 29, 2010

For more information, contact:

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